Foreign coaches for hockey and wrestling

1180. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are open to hiring foreign coaches; and

(b) if so, whether Government are considering hiring foreign coaches for our sporting men and women for hockey and wrestling?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI P. RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) Foreign coaches to train sports persons of a particular sports discipline are appointed as per the recommendations of the concerned National Sports Federation/ Association.

(b) Two foreign coaches, one each for Free Style and Greco Roman categories are already employed to train our wrestlers. There are no requests either from Indian Hockey Federation (IHF) or Indian Women Hockey Federation (IWHF) for engaging foreign coaches.

Functioning of SAI

1181. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the functioning of Sports Authority of India could be made more professional; and

(b) if so, what steps would be taken to implement professionalism there?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI P. RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) and (b) The Sports Authority of India (SAI) is a professional organisation consisting of Sports Administrators, Sports Scientists, Coaches, Doctors, Physical